India Kendriya Vidyalaya Teachers Association informed the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan by their letter of 10.9.88 that the Association would launch a phased agitation to press its various demands. The phased agitation was to comprise of the following:

(i) A signature campaign.

(ii) Rallies on 21.11.88 at 15 Regional Offices of the Sangathan and other cities.

(iii) Mass Casual Leave on 10.2.89.

(b) to (d) According to the Press release issued by the AIKVTA on 9.2.89, Mass Casual Leave programme was deferred on the basis of an assurance by the Chairman, KVS to consider the demands sympathetically. The Minister of State, as Chairman of the KVS, gave a hearing to an AIKVTA delegation on 28.11.88 about their demands. Also the Joint Consultative Machinery has been constituted in the KVS which the Teachers Association can use for discussion of their demands.

Revenue earned by Railways from Paradip Port

*50. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total revenue earned per annum by Railways from Paradip Port on the movement of goods; and

(b) what is the target set by the Railways during the last 3 years and achievement made?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Total earnings collected at Paradip Port from goods Traffic for the year 1987-88 were Rs. 28.9 crores.

(b) No revenue targets are set for individual stations.

Deaths due to stampede at New Delhi Railway Station

*51. SHRI P. N. SUKUL:
SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some persons died and many others injured in a stampede following panic among the passengers at the New Delhi Railway Station recently when suddenly the arrival of Shaheed Express was changed from No. 6 to No. 4 platform;

(b) if so, what are the circumstances for changing the arrival platform of Shaheed Express suddenly leading to the chaos;

(c) whether any inquiry in this regard has been made to fix the responsibility for the accident; if so, what are the details thereof;

(d) what steps have been taken by Government to avoid recurrence of such incidents; and

(e) whether any compensation has been paid or is proposed to be paid to the next of kin of the dead and relief to the injured?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) Four persons lost their lives and two sustained injuries.

(b) Due to repeated alarm chain pulling on 921 Up North East Express, the arrival of this train was getting delayed. To avoid heavy detention to other incoming trains the earlier plan of nomination of platforms had to be changed.

(c) and (d) Departmental enquiry conducted by a Committee of three officers has been completed. The recommendations made by the Enquiry Committee are under consideration.

(e) *Ex-gratia* payment has been made. Claims for compensation will be decided as per law.

Persons of Indian origin killed in Afghanistan

*52. SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a recent report about the killing of about 88 persons of Indian origin near Jalalabad in intensified attack on that city by Afghan rebels; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government have received these reports with anguish. Our concern about the security and safety of the persons of Indian origin as well as Indian nationals presently in Afghanistan has been conveyed to the Government of Afghanistan who have assured us of their cooperation in this regard.

New Health Schemes for retired Railway employees

*53. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2289 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 15th March, 1989 and state:

(a) what is the number of persons, indicating the grades and categories, who are likely to be covered under the liberalised health scheme introduced for the benefit of retired Railway employees w.e.f. 28th September, 1988; and

(b) what amount of funds have been earmarked for this scheme for the year 1989-90?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) Sir, it is premature to have this information as the last date of option to be exercised (by the retired/retiring employees, and the employees in service before 1.1.89) for the scheme is 30.6.1989.

(b) No separate funds have so far been earmarked.

Report of the Empowered Committee on Chattopadhyaya Commission Recommendations

*54. SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO:

DR. BAPU KALDATE:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Empowered Committee has since submitted its report on the recommendations of the Chattopadhyaya Commission;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what is Government's reaction to each of them?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) to (c) The Empowered Committee appointed by the Government to examine the recommendations made by the Chattopadhyaya Commission, gave its report on 22nd March, 1988. The Action Taken Report containing the decision of the Government on each recommendation of NCT-I has been laid on the Table of the Rajya Sabha on 11.12.1987 and 13.5.1988.

Compensation claimed by Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore from Indian Airlines

*55. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore